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1. HERewith FOLLOW ELEVEN QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY YUGOSLAV
NEWSWEEKLY NIN PER REFTELS:

1. MR. PRESIDENT, U.S. FOREIGN POLITICAL ACTIVITY HAS BEEN
TRADITIONALLY MARKED BY THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL STAMP. WHAT
ARE THE PRINCIPAL FEATURES OF THE QUOTE CARTER DOCTRINE
UNQUOTE IN FOREIGN POLICY AND HOW IS IT DIFFERENT FROM THE
DOCTRINES OF YOUR PREDECESSORS? WHAT DO YOU JUDGE TO BE THE
PROPER PLACE AND ROLE OF AMERICA IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD?

2. SOMEBODY RECENTLY REMARKED THAT THIS FIRST YEAR OF YOUR
PRESIDENCY HAS BEEN UNIQUE IN AMERICAN HISTOY AS A QUOTE YEAR
OF AMERICAN NON-INTERVENTION UNQUOTE. WERE YOU DURING THE YEAR
TEMPTED TO INTERVENE -- MILITARILY OR OTHERWISE?

3. AS ONE OF THE BASIC GOALS OF YOUR FOREIGN POLICY YOU OFTEN
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EMPHASIZE THE NEED TO ASSERT THE QUOTE MORAL LEADERSHIP OF
AMERICAN UNQUOTE. HOW DO YOU INTERPRET THIS? DOES QUOTE MORAL
LEADERSHIP UNQUOTE -- BESIDES ACTIVELY PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS
AROUND THE WORLD -- MEAN TRYING TO ESTABLISH FAIRER -- THAT IS
MORE MORAL -- INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RELATIONS?
WE HAVE HERE IN MIND PRIMARILY THE WELL-KNOWN DEMANDS OF THE NON-
ALIGNED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. MANY PEOPLE THINK THAT A KIND OF QUOTE CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE UNQUOTE HAS EVOLVED DURING YOUR TENURE IN RELATIONS BETWEEN GREAT POWERS, FIRST OF ALL BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE USSR. CAN THIS BE CONSIDERED AS A QUOTE CRISIS OF DETENTE UNQUOTE OR, JUST THE OPPOSITE, AS THE STRENGTHENING AS OF A GLOBAL PROCESS THAT GOES BEYOND NARROW BLOC POSITIONS? HOW DO YOU ASSESS, IN THIS CONTEXT, THE OUTCOME OF THE BELGRADE FOLLOW-UP ON THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE?

5. IT IS A WIDESPREAD OPINION THAT THE U.S. HAS BEEN FOR YEARS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL OBSTACLES TO CHANGES IN THE WORLD, BUT THAT YOUR ADMINISTRATION CONCLUDED THAT CHANGE IS A POSITIVE PHENOMENON AND THAT IT CAN BE AIMED IN THE DIRECTION OF U.S. INTERESTS. HOW, IN THAT LIGHT, DO YOU VIEW RECENT EVENTS IN SOME COUNTRIES OF WESTERN EUROPE, MAINLY FRANCE AND ITALY, AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTIES OF THESE COUNTRIES MAY SHARE POWER?

6. YOU ARE THE FIRST U.S. PRESIDENT TO INTRODUCE THE CONCEPTS OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS AND PALESTINIAN HOMELAND INTO OFFICIAL WASHINGTON VOCABULARY. CAN YOU NOW SEE A SOLUTION TO THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH THE PALESTINIANS AND ISRAEL?

7. DOES YOUR ADMINISTRATION, MR. PRESIDENT, TAKE INTO CONSIDER-
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ATION THE POSSIBILITY -- AS EARLIER RECOMMENDED BY MR. GEORGE BALL -- QUOTE TO SAVE ISRAEL IN SPITE OF ITSELF UNQUOTE? DO YOU THINK GIVEN THE RATHER COLD ISRAELI RESPONSE TO THE BOLD INITIATIVES OF THE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT THAT THE TIME HAS ARRIVED FOR WASHINGTON TO TAKE SUCH ACTION?

8. THE UNITED STATES HAS, THUS FAR, WITHHELD FROM ANY ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT IN THE HON OF AFRICA CONFLICT. WOULD POTENTIALLY DECISIVE CHANGES ON THE ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI FRONT RESULT IN A REVIEW OF SUCH A STANCE?

9. MR. PRESIDENT, HOW DO YOU ASSESS THE PRESENT CONDITION OF U.S.- YUGOSLAV RELATIONS? WHAT POSSIBILITIES, IN YOUR OPINION, EXIST FOR THEIR FURTHER EXPANSION AND ARE THERE ON THAT ROAD ANY SIGNIFICANT OBSTACLES?

10. YOUR ENCOUNTER WITH PRESIDENT TITO, BEYOND ITS BILATERAL SIGNIFICANCE DOUBTLESS HAS A BROADER INTERNATIONAL ONE. WHERE IS IT REFLECTED, IN YOUR OPINION?

11. FINALLY, A PERSONAL QUESTION: HAVE YOU, DURING YOUR FIRST YEAR IN THE WHITE HOUSE, HAD CAUSE TO REGRET, EVEN FOR A MOMENT,

THAT YOU RAN FOR THE PRESIDENCY? WHAT WAS, IN YOUR OPINION,
YOUR GREATEST SUCCESS AND GREATEST FAILURE -- INsofar AS YOU
OF COURSE THINK THERE WERE FAILURES -- DURING YOUR FIRST YEAR
IN OFFICE?
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